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MINUTES.

The delegates composing the Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Big Bear Creek Baptist Association, convened in the Baptist church, (Harmony,) Pleasant Site, Franklin Co., Ala., on Saturday, the 10th day of October, A. D. 1891, at 11 a. m.

Elder J. R. NeSmith preached the introductory sermon from I Corinthians, 15-14: "And if Christ be Not Risen, Then Is Our Preaching Vain, And Your Faith Is Also Vain."

After the services there was recess until 1:20 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The former Moderator Elder J. S. Stocton called the Association to order.

On motion J. K. Bolton was appointed Clerk *pro tem*, the former Clerk being absent.

A hymn was sung.

Elder Joseph Shackleford led the Association in prayer.

Brethern James Gibson and Harvey Sargent were appointed Reading Clerks.

The letters from the following churches were then read and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethsada—Elder W. C. Summers, J. B. Bruton and T. E. Fare.

Harmony—R. A. Rogers, W. J. Rogers and Louis Mitchel.

Evening Shade No. 1.—J. K. Bolton, John Huse and L. J. Burcham.

Newsum's Springs—W. D. Wiley, W. F. Miller.

Little Bear Creek—W. A. Underwood, C. H. Jackson, L. L. Daily, Elder J. M. Douthit.

Bethlehem—S. O. Sherill, J. S. Gray and W. W. Sherill.

Riverton—J. F. Herd and F. B. Griffin.

Cane Creek—N. B. Keeton.

Evening Shade No. 2—No Delegates.

Crooked Oak—Elder F. M. Jackson, J. A. Kimbrough and A. W. Bendal.

Duncan Creek—Elder Wm. A. Agee and A. W. Willis.

Cherokee—J. H. Carter and C. W. Carter.

Newfriendship—Fletcher Reed and Frank Malone.

Pilgrim's Rest—Jos. Whitlock and T. N. Wnitlock.

McMurry—M. A. Stricklin.

Shiloh—Elder J. S. Stocton, W. A. Memury and W. A. Stricklen.

Valley Grove—Elder J. R. NeSmith.

Mt. Pisga—Joel Sherill and A. J. Taylor.

Ramah—J. W. George, P. W. Malone.

On motion Elder J. W. Jones was received as delegate from Mt. Zion, also William Carol and Thomas Stricklin from Cedar Creek.

The following Brethern, members of the Executive Board, were present: J. T. Bolding, J. S. Gray, J. K. Bolton and S. B. Greenhill.

After the enrollment of the names of the delegates the Association proceeded with the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Elder W. C. Summers as Moderater, and J. K. Bolton as Clerk.

The Moderator elect then thanked the Brethern for their confidence and announced that the Association was ready for business.

The order of business found in the minutes of last year was adopted.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

The following churches were received on their petitionary letters, and the right hand of fellowship given the delegates by the Moderator:

Harican Creek—A. J. Jackson, Elder J. E. Miller.
Salem—G. T. Horton, R. H. Long.
Dismell—T. J. Jackson, S. W. Lee.
Pleasant Hill—William Stones, S. R. Porter.

CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents were called for when the following Brethern were received:

Elders Joseph Shackleford, James Gibson, T. R. Bragg, T. Hutchinson and H. G. Sargent from Mussel Shoals Association.

Elders W. F. White and D. R. McClung, from Tombigbee Association.

Visiting Brethern invited to seats.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises—The delegates of Harmony Church with Brothers J. S. Gray and J. H. Carter.

On Documents—Elders J. S. Stocton, J. W. Jones and Brother S. O. Sherill.

On Education—J. T. Bolding, Elders F. M. Jackson and M. L. Jones.

On State of Religion—Elder J. M. Douthit, T. E. Fare, J. A. Kimborough.

On Destitution—Elders W. A. Agee, J. R. NeSmith and Brother G. T. Horton.

On Finance—John Huse, J. A. Kimborough, J. B. Benton.

On Mission—Elder F. M. Jackson, J. A. Allen, and William Sherill.

On Publication—J. E. Miller, J. F. Herd and A. G. Jackson.

On Temperance—Elder J. W. Jones, A. W. Willis and Joel Sherrill.

On Sabbath School—Elder J. S. Stocton, T. D. Griffin and R. P. Moore.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

Elder W. A. Agee to preach at night. Elder Joseph Shackelford on Sunday at 11 a. m. Elder James Gibson at 2 p. m. Elder J. R. NeSmith at night.

The moderator appointed a Sabbath-School Mass Meeting to be conducted by Elders J. S. Gibson, Jos. Shackleford and J. R. NeSmith.

On motion the Association adjourned until Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Saturday night the pulpit was filled by Elder W. A. Agee. Text—Hosea, 8-12.

Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock Sabbath-School, was opened by prayer by Brother J. S. Stocton. Pastor of Harmony Church. after singing, short lectures were delivered by the following brethern, J. S. Gibson, Jos. Shackleford, and J. R. NeSmith. There was a short recess, the assembly joined in singing, after which Bro. Shackleford delivered an excellent Bible sermon. Text—Matthew, 16-18. A mission collection was taken amounting to $11.50. An hour's intermission was taken. At 2 o'clock the meeting was opened by prayer. Bro. J. S. Gibson preached an able sermon. Text—Acts. 10-43. At night the pulpit was filled by Bro. J. R. NeSmith. who preached an excellent sermon. Text—I Corinthians, 13-13.

Second Day.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder F. M. Jackson.

Minutes of the proceeding day read and approved.

Bro. Jos. Shackleford offered a resolution on education. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Called for detained letters, one from Mt. Carmel delegates, names, J. F. Crowell Abe George. Pleasant Valley, J. A. Allen and Robert Moore.

Called for petitionary letters. None

Return correspondence to Mussel Shoals Association, Elders J. W. Jones, F. M. Jackson, J. S. Stocton, W. A. Agee and J. H. Carter. Florence Association. J. F. Heard. Tombigbee Association, Elders J. S. Stocton, F. M. Jackson, J. W. Jones and J. T. Bolding.

Moderator appointed as delegates to the State Baptist Convention, to be held at Atlanta, Ga., Elders F. M. Jackson, J. S. Stocton. Delegates to the State Convention, to be held at Eufaula, Ala.. Elder W. A. Agee and Elder J. W. Jones, alt.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Read and adopted as follows:

We your Committee on Education make the following report:

"That, while education is not what it ought to be, in the bounds of our Association, yet, we believe, our people are becoming more enthused on this subject, and are waking up to the fact that if the minds of our children are cultivated, and they are enabled to acquire useful knowledge that their condition in life will be better, and the whole people will be happier. We have found by experience, that certain conditions and sur-

roundings in life are desirable; and we believe that people are in better circumstances when surrounded by civilization; we dread the thought of a relapse into what history has characterized as the dark ages. Where the people are intelligent we look to find happy homes, a prosperous people, the observance of moral laws, the attitude and a disposition toward progress, a higher order of morality, and a higher conception of happiness. We have found that without education man suffers from the observance of the laws of his nature. If he does not know how to think correctly, he cannot act correctly, and, if he is unacquainted with the great laws of physiology and hygiene which are now being taught in our schools in connection with the usual branches, he must ever remain ignorant of the great laws of health, which are so necessary to the promotion of happiness and longevity of life, and he must even suffer the penalty of a violation of these laws. This being the case from a temporal stand point, and as it is obvious that man cannot teach these things without being educated, then how much more important that the teacher in Scriptural things be educated, that he may be thoroughly prepared for the great duties which lie out before him. We, therefore, recommend to your consideration the importance of an educated ministry. That the Man of God may be perfect thoroughly in all good works.

Brethern, we recommend that who can will patronize the High School, originated by your committee. The school is located at Pleasant Site, Franklin Co., Ala. In order that it be the institution that you would like it to be, it needs your influence, your co-operation and patronage.

We also endorse the preamble and resolutions as suggested by the Liberty Association, and adopted by the Mussel Shoals Association, as to the propriety of locating a school of high grade for the education of boys, somewhere in the jurisdiction of Liberty, Mussel Shoals, Big Bear Creek and Florence Associations. We recommend that this Association adopt these preambles and resolutions and that Brothers J. S. Stocton, J. T. Bolding and J. M. Douthit be appointed as a committee to act with the committees appointed by the other Associations in regard to the location of the school. J. T. BOLDING, Ch'm.

HIGH GRADE SCHOOL.

The following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee, appointed to start a High Grade School in the bounds of the Big Bear Creek Association, make the following report: At our last report we had located the school at

Pleasant Site, Franklin Co., Ala. We have employed Prof. Wade Smith, at a stated salary of $40 per month, as the principal teacher in the school. School commenced the 1st Monday in December, 1890, and continued five months, with an enrollment of 54; average attendance 34. The tuition fee that we had established paid the expenses with a surplus of $33.27. The next term of the school to begin on Monday, the 16th day of November 1891. J. T. BOLDING, Ch'm.

ON DOCUMENTS.

The following report was read and adopted:

We your committee on Documents, report as follows: Our churches in the report to the Association report progress in the Sabbath-Schools. Many additions to the churches from revivals. Some of the churches ask for the next session of the Association to be held with them. Respectfully Submitted,

J. S. STOCTON, Ch'm.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The following report was read and adopted:

We your committee, on the state of Religion make the following report: The religious condition of our association is progressive. We see by the report from all parts of our Association, where God's word has been preached, God has blessed it to the conversion of many souls. We see that even the dark places have had the light to shine in it, and the religion of our Lord has made many souls to rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Respectfully submitted. J. M. DOUTHIT, Ch'm.

FINANCE.

The following report was read and adopted:

We your committee on Finance make the following report: Received for minutes, $24.52. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. HUGHS, Ch'm.

Motion to combine the committees on State of Religion and Documents, as one and the same. Carried.

TEMPERANCE.

The following report was read and ably discussed by Brethren Jos. Shackleford, J. S. Stocton, J. W. Jones, J. R. NeSmith, D. R. McClung and J. S. Gibson. Adopted by an amendment.

We, your committee on Temperance, make the following

report: The cause of temperance is fast growing. But intemperance is a national curse. Alcohol is the inventor of crime, destroyer of the body and soul. Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in strength, and age in its weakness. Alcohol burns up men, consumes women, destroys life, curses God and despises Heaven. Whisky poisons morals, whips out National honor, causes the world to languish at the sin it has wrought. It is the sum of all violence, the father of all crime, the mother of abomination, the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy, and, Brethern, we, as God's dear children, should use all effort to put down the curse of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. JONES, Ch'm.

Amended by the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association will not recognize any church in her bounds, as a true Baptist Church, who holds in her membership members who make, buy and sell as a beverage intoxicating spirits.

Called for detained letters. One from Big Bear Creek read. Delegate's name enrolled—J. R. Weatherford.

The Association adjourned for refreshment.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report of the committee on Destitution was read, adopted and discussed by Brethern F. M. Jackson, W. C. Summers, J. R. NeSmith and J. S. Stocton.

We, your committee on Destitution, make the following report: There has been a great work done in destitution during the past year, but still there is much to be done, to occupy all the ground. There is a great work in the northeast part of the Association, east of Tuscumbia and Spring Creek to the river and county line. Our missionary, J. R. NeSmith, has supplied these points of great importance, to-wit: Mt. Moriah, Auburn Hill and Pleasant Spring.

During the past year there has been a great work done south and north of Cedar Creek, by W. C. Summers; and in the west by Brethern J. S. Stocton and F. M. Jackson of which we are proud. Still there is great destitution from the county line east, and down the south part of the Association to the state line, and in the west from the south to the Tennessee River, north then up the river to Tuscumbia. We see this large field of destitution all ready to harvest, and we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers in the destitutions, to gather the

precious sheaves from all this land of ours, all of which we respectfully submit. W. A. AGEE, Ch'm.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Publication, make the following report:

First of all the Bible as literature and as helps we recommend: Kind Words, published by the Southern Baptist Convention, at Nashville, Tenn. Literature published by the National Baptist Publishihg Company, of St. Louis, Mo. Baptist journals, the Alabama Baptist, published at Montgomery, Ala. The American Baptist, published by D. B. Ray at St. Louis, Mo. The Baptist Expositor, published by Elder Joseph Shackelford, Trinity, Ala. The State Mission Quarterly, published at Marion, Ala. Respectfully submitted.

J. E. MILLER, Ch'm.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

Report that Elder J. W. Jones preach to-night:

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOL.

The following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Sabbath-School, make the following report: We believe that Sabbath-Schools are increasing in the bounds of our Association. There may be a few churches in our Association that do not have a Sabbath-School. We do most earnestly pray that the spirit of the Master will arouse those churches to the full extent of their duty on this all important subject. Respectfully submitted. J. S. STOCTON, Ch'm.

The following resolution was offered by J. S. Stocton and adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to be called the Cententional committee and who shall arrange for Missionary meetings throughout the Association during the next associational year.

Committee on the above resolution: J. T. Bolding, Elder J. S. Stocton and Elder J. M. Douthit.

The following resolution was offered by Elder F. M. Jackson, amended and adopted:

Resolved, That this body increase the number of their mis-

sionaries to the number of six, subject to the direction of the Board, as to their labors when they commence, also location as to work.

Amendment. That those missionaries take collection in their field of labor, and report to the board amount collected.

The following resolution of thanks was then introduced and adopted by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That the delegates and officers composing the Big Bear Creek Baptist Association tender their many heartfelt thanks to the good people surrounding Pleasant Site and Harmony Church, for the kind hospitality shown us while we have been in their midst. Respectfully submitted,

J. S. STOCTON.

REPORT ON MISSION.

The following report was read and reported:

We, your committee on Missions, submit the following report: We think the cause of mission is the cause of Christ, and should be so considered by every child of God, and is bound by the law of love to do all he can to support and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Not only in this immediate land and State, but to send to earth's remotest bounds, so as to meet the commission of our Lord and Savior, "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." As the spirit of mission was the spirit of Christ and the Apostles, which is also the Spirit and tenor of the Bible, then we as Missionary Baptist's and God's children, should send the gospel in every nook and corner of our Association, as well as foreign. Come one, come all, is the cry, and help us. Respectfully submitted,

F. M. JACKSON, Ch'm.

On motion the Moderator granted leave of absence to J. H. Carter and R. H. Long.

Prayer by Elder J. W. Douthit.

On motion adjourned until Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Monday night, Elder J. W. Jones filled the pulpit. Text—Hebrews, 11-1. Followed by Elder D. R. McClung.

Third Day.

The Association met at 8:30 o'clock.

Prayer by M. L. Jones.

On motion the speeches were restricted to 10 minutes.

The Association then considered the matter of building a Baptist church at Russellville. A collection was taken up for the benefit of the fund, which amounted to $2.35.

The Moderator then called for report of Missionaries, which were read, received and ordered paid. (The amount paid to each will appear in the report of the Executive Board.)

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

I was engaged 18 days, preached 18 sermons, traveled 150 miles, had the help of Brother W. M. Whitlock 6 days and for that time I ask the Association to pay Brother Whitlock. We received one church, baptized four, restored by letter one.

J. S. Stocton.

I was engaged 26 days, preached 20 sermons, organized 2 Sunday-Schools, family visits 37. Received $4.45.

J. R. NeSmith.

I was engaged 40 days, miles traveled 281, sermons preached 24, exhortations 20, churches organized 1, churches received 1, candidates received for baptism 35, candidates baptized 33, witnessed conversions 38. Brother J. W. Jones worked with me 12 days.

W. C. Summers.

I was engaged 37 days, sermons preached 36, exhortations 25, prayer meetings 8, baptized 2, witnessed professions 30, held protracted meetings 6, organized churches 2, miles traveled 240, family visits 46. Elder J. W. Jones assisted me 9 days, Elder J. O. A. Pace, 4 days; Elder J. E. Miller, 4 days.

F. M Jackson.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board make out a list of the pledges of individuals that are unpaid and send them to the pastor of the churches, and that the pastors be requested to collect the same.

On motion the Association released the following churches of their pledges: Duncan Creek. Also the following brethren and sisters: L. H. Huff, James McBrayer, Sister McBrayer and daughter.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this body allow the clerk $10 for his services, and that he be authorized to have 600 copies of the minutes printed, and to reserve a sufficient number of the minutes to send the clerks of the different churches a copy.

Resolved, That this body allow J. T. Bolding $10 for his services as Chairman of the Executive Board.

On motion the present Executive Board were re-appointed.

On motion the clerk was authorized to get a copy of the Model Church Letter and distribute them with the minutes.

The Association then selected Bethsadia Church, Colbert County, Ala., to hold the next session of the Association.

Brother J. S Stocton to preach the introductory sermon. and Brother F. M. Jackson, alternate.

The following resolution was introduced by Brother J. S. Stocton and adopted:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee of three whose duty it shall be to collect funds for Brother Loney Huff, to complete his education in Howard College.

The Moderate appointed the following committee on the above resolution: J. S. Stocton, W. A. Agee and J. M. Douthit.

The Association then went into election for missionaries for the next year. W. C. Summers, J. W. Jones, J. R. NeSmith, F. M. Jackson, W. M. Whitlock and J. S. Stocton.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The following report was read and adopted:

We your Executive Board make the following report:

Amount on hand at last report	$207 68
Collected at the Union of First district	5 45
" " " Second "	2 00
Total	$215 13

PLEDGES COLLECTED FROM CHURCHES.

Bethsadia	$ 5 00	Riverton	$ 10 00
Big Bear Creek	5 00	Shiloh	8 00
Bethlehem	5 00	Valley Grove	10 00
Cain Creek	10 00	Crooked Oak	5 00
Evening Shade No. 1	3 00	Cherokee	3 85
Evening Shade No. 2	3 50	Cedar Creek	3 00
Harmony	10 00	Mt. Pisgid	5 00
Little Bear Creek	3 95	Salem	2 00
Newsom Springs	10 00	Pleasant Valley	1 45
Newfriendship	5 00	Collected on Sunday	11 50
Pilgrim's Rest	4 20	Total	$124 45

RECEIVED OF INDIVIDUALS.

J. M. Douthit	$ 5 00	W. C. Summers	$ 5 00
Mrs. S. E. Douthit	2 50	J. R. NeSmith	5 00
Miss Ida Douthit	1 00	J. S. Stocton	5 00
R. P. Douthit	1 00	F. M. Jackson	5 00
J. M. Cheatham	1 00	J. W. Jones	5 00
W. A. Underwood	1 00	J. O. A. Pace	5 00
J. A. Richardson	2 00	J. S. Gibson	1 00
J. A. Yocum	1 00	T. O. Johnson	1 00
J. S. Gray	5 00	J. W. Jackson	1 00
L. L. Dailey	1 00	A. L. Jackson	1 00
A. W. Bendal	95	J. H. Carter	2 50
Miss Agee	1 00	C. J. Cheathem	50
W. T. Myhand	2 00	J. W. Rickard	1 00
J. Q. Aycock	10 00	P. Hester	50
M. A. Aycock	1 00	W. A. Weatherbee	1 00
L. M. Huff	50	Isaac Bradford	1 00
Susanna Johnson	50	W. R. Richardson	50
J. A. Huff	1 00	G. A. Jackson	2 50
C. H. Jackson	1 00		

Total amount of Individual Receipts	$ 83 95
Total from Churches and Union District	339 58
Making a grand total of receipts	$423.53

DISBURSEMENTS.

F. M. Jackson	$ 81 00
J. R. NeSmith	39 00
W. C. Summers	78 00
J. S. Stocton	36 00
Appropriated to Foreign Mission	20 00
J. K. Bolton, services as clerk	10 00

J. T. Bolding, services as Ch'm Ex. Board	10 00	
Total Disbursments		$ 274 00
Balance on hand		149 53
Cash on subscription		9 25
Amount now on hand		$ 158 78

Respectfully submitted, J. T. BOLDING, Ch'm.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That we supplement on Foreign Mission collected from $11.50 to $20.00 as shown in report above. Respectfully submitted. J. S. STOCTON.

PLEDGES OF CHURCHES.

Bethsadia	$ 5 00	Shiloh	$ 8 00
Bethlehem	5 00	Valley Grove	5 00
Big Bear Creek	10 00	Cherokee	50
Cane Creek, Cr. $5	10 00	Dismal	2 50
Croked Oak	5 00	Pleasant Hill	2 50
Riverton	10 00	Haricun Creek	1 00
Duncan Creek	5 00	Salem	2 00
Evening Shade No. 1	3 00	Mt Carmel	3 00
Evening Shade No. 2	2 50	Newsum Springs	10 00
Harmony	10 00	Pilgrim's Rest	5 00
Little Bear Creek	5 00	Pleasant Valley	5 00
Mt. Pisga Paid	5 00	Rahama	5 00
Newfriendship	2 50	Total	$125 50

PLEDGES FROM INDIVIDUALS.

J. S. Stocton	$ 5 00	J. W. George	2 50
J. W. Jones	5 00	T. J. Jackson	1 00
W. A. Agee	5 00	J. B. Griffin	2 50
F. M Jackson	5 00	R. P. Douthit	1 00
J. E. Miller	5 00	Mrs. S. E. Douthit	2 50
W. M. Whitlock	5 00	Mrs. N. C. Agee	1 00
W. B. Summers	5 00	Mrs. S. M. B. Jones	50
J. M. Douthit	5 00	Mrs. W. H. Heard	50
M. L. Jones	5 00	S. B. Greenhill Paid	1 00
J. R. NeSmith	5 00	J. A. Taylor	1 00
A. L. Smith	2 00	W. H. Stone	2 00
J. F. Heard	5 00	J. L. Hughs	50
J. S. Gray	2 50	L. L. Daily	1 00
W. T. Milon	2 00	T. E. Fore Paid	25
J. H. Rodgers	2 50	S. R. Porter	1 00
W. W. Sherrill	2 50	Jos. Whitlock	1 00

J. A. Allen	Paid	1 00	T. N. Whitlock		2 50
S. E. Allen	Paid	50	S. W. Lee		1 00
R. P. Moore	Paid	1 00	W. D. Wiley		1 00
Rebecca Moore	Paid	50	A. W. Willis	Paid	1 00
W. T. Miller		1 00	Total		$95 25

The Association then adjourned, to meet with Beshsadia Church, Colbert Co., Ala., on the Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1892, after singing, giving the parting hand and prayer by Brother W. A. Agee.

J. K. BOLTON,
Clerk.

W. C. SUMMERS,
Moderator.

Union Meeting of Second Distrist.

Minutes of Union Meeting of Second District, which met with Cherokee Church, Colbert Co., Ala., Friday and Saturday before the third Sabbath in July, 1891.

Rev. A. W. Gilbert preached the introductory sermon. Text—Revelation, 1-5.

The Union was called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. W. M. Whitlock.

The former clerk being absent, Brother S. B. Greenhill was appointed clerk pro tem.

The letters from the following churches were then read and delegates name enrolled:

Newsum Springs—Jessie Tucker, William Wiley and Alvia J. Daily, alt.

Cane Creek—C. P. Thorn, S. Inman, Fan Keeton.

Cherokee—John Thompson, Henry Carter.

Evening Shade—J. M. Rackard, J. M. Bowlin, M. C. Hester and J. L. Hughes, alt.

The meeting then proceeding with the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Rev. W. M. Whitlock as Moderator and S. B. Greenhill as Clerk.

Called for Correspondence. None.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

On Documents—A. W. Gilbert, W. B. Hutchin and J. D. Bolding.

On Literature—J. M. Douthit, J. E. Thompson and M. C. Hester.

On Sunday Schools—W. B. Hutchin, J. T. Turbevill and J. H. Carter.

On Temperance—J. M. Douthit, J. M. Bowlin and C. P. Thorn.

On Destitution—J. M. Douthit, J. H. Carter and J. M. Rackard.

On Essays—J. H. Ragers, W. B. Hutchin and J. H. Carter.

On motion the meeting adjourned until Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Opened with prayer by W. B. Hutchin.

Minutes of the preceeding day read and approved.

Called for detained letters. One. J. H. Herd, Riverton

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

The following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Devotion, make the following report: Bro. A. W. Gilbert to preach to-night, Bro. Durham to follow. Bro. Douthit to-morrow at eleven. Bro. W. M. Whitlock at 3 o'clock. Respectfully submitted, J. H. CARTER, Ch'm.

ON DOCUMENTS.

The following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Documents, make the following report: On examination of the several letters from the various churches, we find that only five churches were represented by letters and delegates. Also that there was only one church that represented a Sabbath-School. Respectfully submitted,

A. W. GILBERT, Ch'm.

ON LITERATURE.

The following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Literature make the following report: First of all, the Bible, and fixing that firm in our minds that is our only guide through life. The Alabama Baptist published at Montgomery, Ala.; The Tennessee Baptist published at Memphis, Tenn.; The American Baptist published at St. Louis. Mo., and for Sabbath-School literature that is published by the American Baptist Publishing Society, and that we admonish all our churches as much as possible to keep this false religion literature out of its membership, and if this impure literature comes into our homes, burn it up. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. DOUTHIT, Ch'm.

ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Sabbath-Schools, make the following report: We fully appreciate Sabbath-Schools and think that all our churches should have one. We urge that parents take more interest in Sabbath-Schools. Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HUTCHIN, Ch'm.

ON TEMPERANCE.

The following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Temperance, make the following report: We are happy to say that the cause of Temperance is cherished by the Baptists, and by their united efforts the cause has prospered, and we hope that soon the destroyer of soul and body will be of the past. Alcohol is the great enemy of mankind, destroying homes, populating prisons, and dropping the youths of our country from the noble plane of manhood into the vortex of ruin. Let us as Baptists come to their relief.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. DOUTHIT, Ch'm.

ON DESTITUTION.

The following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Destitution, make the following report: We find that there is some very important points that should be filled with Baptist preaching, a line running from Tuscumbia to Riverton, from the river to the M. and C. railroad, a field sufficient for one missionary to devote all his time. We recommend that this be filled. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. DOUTHIT, Ch'm.

ON ESSAYS.

The following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Essays, make the following report: Rev. W. M. Whitlock on John, 3 chapter, 5 verse, "What is Meat by Being Born of Water. R. B. Shumake on I Peter, 3 chapter, 19 verse, "By Which Also He Went And Preached Unto the Spirits in Prison." J. M. Douthit on "Temperance." A. W. Gilbert on "A Call to the Ministry." W. B. Hutchin on "Sabbath-Schools." Respectfully submited,

J. H. ROGERS, Ch'm.

Call for Queries, "Did Christ wash Peter's feet?" Answer: He did.

The following resolution was then read and adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Brethern and Sisters of Cherokee and vicinity for their kind hospitality to us during our stay among them.

The next Union to meet with Newsum Springs Church, Friday before the third Sabbath in July, 1892. W. M. Whitlock, to preach the introductory sermon. J. M. Douthit, alt.

S. B. GREENHILL, Clerk.

W. M. WHITLOCK, Moderator.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE BIG BEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1891.

CHURCH.	Association Mission.	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Building and Furniture.
Bethsada	$ 5.00	$ 1.00	$	$
Bethlehem	5.00	1.00		
Big Bear Creek	10.00	1.50		400.00
Cane Creek	5.00	.75	15.00	300.00
Crooked Oak	5.00	1.50		
Cherokee	4.30	1.50	42.35	
Duncan Creek	5.00	1.50		200.00
Evening Shade No. 1	3.00	1.00	25.00	125.00
Evening Shade No. 2	5.00	.40		
Harmony	10.00	.50	60.00	500.00
Harrican Creek		.50		
Little Bear Creek	27.47	1.52		400.50
Mt. Pisga	5.00	1.50		
Mt. Carmel				
Newfriendship	5.00	.75		
Newsum Springs	10.00	.80		300.00
Pleasant Hill		.75		
Pleasant Valley	1.45	.75		
Pligrim's Rest	5.00	1.00	10.60	
Riverton	10.00	1.60		400.00
Ramah		.25		
Shiloh		1.20		
Salem	2.00	.50		100.00
Valley Grove	10.00	1.00	50.00	
Dismal		.75		
Rec'd from 1st Dis. Union Meeting	5.45			
Rec'd from 2nd Dis. Union Meeting	2.00			
Collected on Sabbath at this session	11.50			
Total	152.17	24.52	202.95	2725.50

286.67
745

STATISTICS

Big Bear Creek Baptist Association.—1891.

Churches.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's Post Office.	Number Ordained Ministers.	Number Licensed Ministers.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase by			Decrease by			Present Membership.	Sunday-School.				Preaching Sabbath.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Expulsion.	Death.		Superintendent.	Post Office.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.			
Bethel	Colbert																				
Bethseida	Colbert	W. C. Summers	T. E. Fore	Looling	2	0	83	3	0	3	5	11	0	74	T. E. Fore	Looling	2	12	3	1	0
Bethleham	Colbert	J. R. Nesmith	C. M. Whitlock		0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	100			0	0	2	0	0
Big Bear Creek	Franklin	J. W. Jones	J. R. Weadtherford	Burlison	2	0	133	5	1	0	3	3	0	133	I. J. Rogers	Burlison	5	75	3	0	0
Cane Creek	Colbert	J. M. Douthit	J. K. Nesbit	Mountain Mills	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	2	0	45	B. Johnson	Mountain Mills	4	15	1	1	0
Cherokee	Colbert	J. M. Douthit	J. E. Thomerson	Cherokee	0	0	84	5	15	0	1	5	0	104			0	0	3	0	0
Crooked Oak	Colbert	F. M. Jackson	J. A. Kimbrough	Russellville	2	0	0	1	6	1	2	0	2	70			0	0	1	0	0
Cedar Creek	Franklin	J. S. Stockton																			
Duncan Creek	Franklin	W. A. Agee	Alfred Willis	Spruce Pine	2	0	84	47	28	1	0	0	0	130			6	42	1–4	0	1
Dismell	Franklin	J. Garrett	T. J. Jackson	Russellville	0	0	0	12	5	0	4	0	0	31					4		
Evening Shade No. 1	Colbert	F. M. Jackson	J. K. Bolton	Dailey	0	1	90	0	0	1	0	2	0	89	P. Hester	Frankfort	2	25	2	0	0
Evening Shade No. 2	Colbert	J. O. A. Pace	John Hooper		0	0	42	0	0	0	2	0	0	41			0	0	3	0	0
Ebenezer	Colbert			Russellville																	
Harmony	Franklin	J. S. Stockton	J. T. Bolding	Pleasant Site	0	0	59	0	0	1	2	0	1	57	J. T. Bolding	Pleasant Site	9	38	4	1	0
Harrican Creek	Franklin	F. M. Jackson	A. J. Jackson	Jedo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9							
Little Bear Creek	Colbert	J. M. Douthit	J. M. Cheatham	Tuscumbia	2	0	131	6	6	0	7	15	0	111	L. A. Huff	Tuscumbia	3	43	2	1	1
Mt. Carmel	Colbert	A. L. Smith	J. F. Crowel	Bishop	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	11					2	0	0
Mt. Pisga	Franklin	J. W. Jones	F. M. Miller	Spruce Pine	2	0	22	33	17	0	0	0	0	72	W. R. Taylor	Spruce Pine	4	25	2	0	0
New Friendship	Franklin	J. W. Jones	Fletcher Reed	Belgreen	0	0	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	32					4		
Newsom Springs	Colbert	J. M. Douthit	G. D. Daily	Dug	0	0	147	6	0	0	7	0	1	145	T. G. Bryon	Dug	3	25	4	0	0
Pleasant Hill	Colbert	F. M. Jackson	Lewis Pounders	Belgreen	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	20					1		
Pleasant Valley	Colbert	W. M. Whitlock	J. A. Allen	Barton	0	0	46	4	1	1	24	0	1	24					1		
Pilgrims' Rest	Colbert	W. C. Summers	R. C. Mattock	Littlevlle	1	1	70	2	0	1	8	5	1	67					4	1	
Riverton	Colbert	J. S. Stockton	R. J. Moore	Riverton	1	0	45	12	7	1	3	2	0	60	T. Spencer	Riverton	0		3	0	0
Ramah	Colbert	A. L. Smith	J. W. George	Denton	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	19					2	0	0
Shiloh	Franklin	J. S. Stockton	B. G. Hardin	Pleasant Site	1	0	0	7	8	3	1	6	0	56	W. A. Weatherbee	Pleasant Site	5	20	2	0	0
Salem	Franklin	W. C. Summers	D. M. Sherrill	Waco	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	18	Jeff Snow	Waco	4	14	2	0	0
Valley Grove	Colbert	J. R. Nesmith	James Isbell	Leighton	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	5	1						4	0	0
Totals					16	2	1,066	123	103	19	76	56	8	1,515							

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